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Weilmunster Farms
Jon K. Weilmunster
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March 17, 2005

Re: Hop Marketing Order

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Jon Weilmunster, I am a new hop grower, and I started in 2002. I am, as well as all Idaho hop growers opposed to a marketing order of any kind. If a marketing order was established I would like to see Idaho exempt.

I personally was under the impression that this marketing order was closed for comment and that it was a dead duck. A marketing order is contrary to the American Free Trade position in the world market.

Also, as stated in testimony in Portland October of 2003, it gives Washington an unfair advantage seeing how they had high alpha hop years before they were available in Idaho. A marketing order is against all free trade principles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jon K. Weilmunster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon K. Weilmunster